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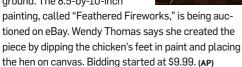
A Hell, Mich.-based car club has fallen short in its attempt to set a world record for the longest procession of hearses. Just Hearse'N Around tried Saturday to set a new Guinness World Records mark. The club needed at least 50 hearses, but only 43 turned out. The non-record-breaking event went on anyway. (AP)

# Another Bizarre Bucket List Item Crossed Off

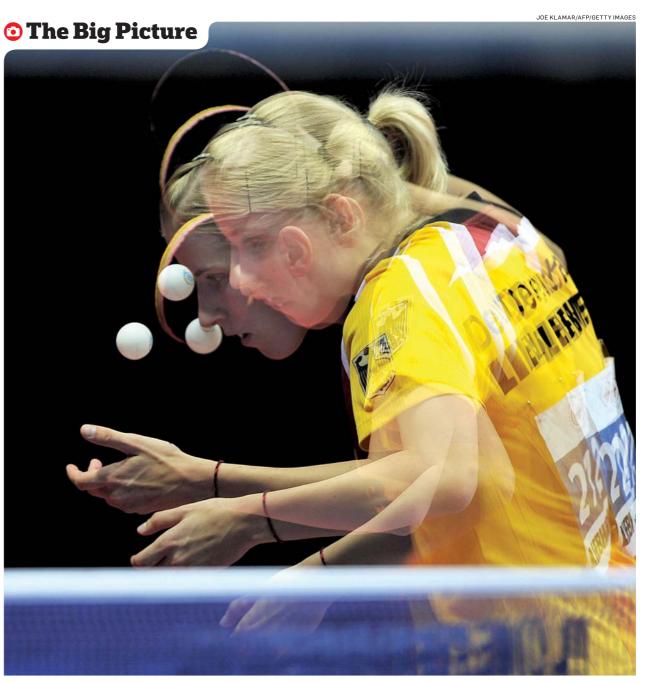
Chicago transit officials said a man stole a uniform and posed as a bus driver, driving around the city for several hours and picking up passengers on Sept. 9. The suspect was found out when he returned the bus to a garage on the city's South Side and hit another bus. The suspect took off when a city employee went to get a supervisor. Officials said they are evaluating procedures to prevent a similar incident. (AP)

# Jackson Pollock Wishes He'd Thought of This

A New Hampshire woman hopes a piece of art by a chicken will raise money to rebuild a playground. The 8.5-by-10-inch







**KRISTINE SILBEREISEN** of Germany serves during her women's singles quarterfinal match during the European Table Tennis Championships in Ostrava, Czech Republic, on Saturday.



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# **Nation**



## U.N. Summi

The world — including Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — will meet in New York for the next two weeks for the United Nations General Assembly and a summit to fight poverty.

# 'Go for Broke To Get Vote

Congress is expected to vote on the Congressional Gold Medal for "Go for broke" veterans as early as this week, which would honor about 6,000 Japanese-Americans who served the U.S. against Japan during World War II.

# Venezuela Elections

Venezuela's political opposition is at a critical crossroads, trying to win control of the National Assembly for the first time in Hugo Chavez's 11-year presidency. The election is Sunday.

# **Gulf Coast's Nightmare Not Over**

Future of area hangs in the balance after BP finally seals well

## **New Orleans**

The well is dead. Finally.

A permanent cement plug sealed BP's well nearly 2.5 miles below the sea floor in the Gulf of Mexico, five agonizing months after an explosion sank a drilling rig and led to the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the federal government's point man on the disaster, said Sunday BP's well "is effectively dead" and posed no further threat to the Gulf. Allen said a pressure test to ensure the cement plug would hold was completed at 5:54 a.m. CDT.

The gusher was contained in mid-July after a temporary cap was successfully fitted atop the well. Mud and cement were later pushed down through the top of the well, allowing the cap to be removed. But the well could not be declared dead until a relief well was drilled so that the ruptured well could be sealed from the bottom.

The April 20 blast killed 11 workers, and 206 million gallons of oil spewed. The disaster caused an environmental and economic nightmare for people who live, work and play along hundreds of miles of Gulf



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# The Oil Question: To Drill or Not to Drill?

One of the supreme ironies is that many of those hurt most by the spill find themselves having to defend the industry that caused it. While acknowledging that the country is only slightly better prepared to handle a big spill now than it was five months ago, Gulf state officials have joined oil interests in fighting a federal moratorium on deepwater drilling. The current ban on new deep-sea drilling is set to expire on Nov. 30. But there is little doubt the oil and gas industry will face even tougher regulations afterward. (AP)

# Sizing Up the Damage

# While BP's internal investigation

went a long way toward previewing its legal strategy and explaining how a bubble of explosive gas made a 3-mileplus journey from the bottom of the well to the drilling rig, it left many questions unanswered. Those questions, hopefully, will be addressed by government investigators, other companies' investigations, congressional committees and examinations of key pieces of evidence. The blowout preventer now sits under guard at a NASA facility in New Orleans, awaiting forensic analysis. (AP)

shoreline from Florida to Texas. It also spurred civil and criminal investigations, cost gaffe-prone BP chief Tony Hayward his job, and brought increased governmental scrutiny of the oil and gas industry.

Gulf residents will be feeling the pain for years to come. There is still plenty of oil in the water, and some continues to wash up on shore. Many people are still struggling to make ends meet with some waters still closed to fishing. Shrimpers who are allowed to fish are finding it difficult to sell their catch because of the perception — largely from people outside the region — that the seafood is not safe to eat. Tourism along the Gulf has taken a hit. HARRY R. WEBER (AP)

# **Summer Allergies?**

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# Nation



American hiker Sarah Shourd addresses a press conference in New York on Sunday.

# Freed U.S. Woman Says She's No Spy

Shourd, two hikers still face espionage indictments in Iran

**New York** 

An American woman who was held in Iran for more than 13 months and accused of espionage said Sunday she and two men detained with her never spied or committed any crime, calling their arrest "a huge misunderstanding."

Discussing her experience at the most length since her release Tuesday, Sarah Shourd underscored her gratitude at being released but said she felt only "one-third free" because her fiance, Shane Bauer, and their friend Josh Fattal remain in Tehran's notorious Evin Prison.

"This is not the time to celebrate," Shourd, 32, said at a New York news conference. "The only thing that enabled me to cross the

gulf from prison to freedom alone was the knowledge that Shane and Josh wanted with all their hearts for my suffering to end."

Composed but occasionally pausing, Shourd thanked Iranians and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in a carefully scripted return that spoke to the continuing delicacy of her situation. She didn't take questions or discuss the conditions in which she'd been held, walking away from the podium at a Manhattan hotel hand in hand with her mother, Nora, before Fattal's and Bauer's mothers answered reporters' queries.

Iran has issued espionage-related indictments against her, Bauer and Fattal; the indictments could bring trials for the two men and proceedings in absentia for Shourd.

But Shourd stressed their innocence in a case that has added to the roster of tensions between the U.S. and Iran. KAREN MATTHEWS (AP)

# Hearsay



"How many of you didn't hang out with some questionable folks in high school?"

— CHRISTINE O'DONNELL, THE DELAWARE GOP SENATE CANDIDATE, MAKING LIGHT OF COMMENTS SHE MADE MORE THAN A DECADE AGO ABOUT HAVING DABBLED IN WITCHCRAFT.

# **Weekend Review**



# SANTIAGO, CHILE

# **Drilled Hole Raises Hopes Of Early Miner Rescue**

Drilling equipment pounded its way into one of the caverns where 33 miners have been trapped, completing a bore hole ahead of schedule Friday and raising hopes that the men can be rescued early. The 12-inch-wide drill reached 2,070 feet beneath the surface. (AP)

## 2 COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

# **Police: Safety Lapse Was Likely Cause of Explosion**

Improperly stored detonators are likely to have triggered a dynamite explosion that killed 25 people and injured dozens in eastern Sri Lanka, police said. Three containers of explosives used for road construction exploded Friday inside a police compound, destroying the police station and a nearby agriculture office crowded with farmers. (AP)

# 1 "We're looking for people who think shouting is annoving."

- STEPHEN COLBERT, ON THURSDAY'S "THE COLBERT REPORT," ANNOUNCING A "RALLY TO RESTORE SANITY" SET FOR OCT. 30 IN WASHINGTON. HIS RALLY IS TO COUN-TER "THE DAILY SHOW'S" JON STEWART'S "MILLION MODERATE MARCH" SET FOR THE SAME DAY AND PLACE.

# 4 BEIJING

# **U.S.-Born Panda Gives Birth to Cub in China**

An American-born panda gave birth to her eighth cub in southwest China, a rare accomplishment for the endangered species known for being poor breeders. Hua Mei gave birth to a male cub at 3 a.m. Friday at the Wolong China Giant Panda Research Center in Sichuan province. This brings the number of panda births at the Wolong center to 16 this year. (AP)



# Karl Pounds Mexican Coast

People examine the fallen Chontla bridge in Veracruz, Mexico, on Saturday after Hurricane Karl roared through Mexico's Gulf Coast Friday, forcing the evacuation of oil rigs and the shutdown of a nuclear plant. Meanwhile, another giant storm, Igor, targeted Bermuda.



# 6 SHANGHAI

# Apple Fans Get iPad Fix

Apple fans in China stood in line through heavy rain Friday to purchase the Wi-Fi iPad. Some people waited in line up to three days before Friday's 8 a.m. launch, and Apple employees handed out umbrellas, water and coffee to those waiting. The iPad costs about \$593 in China. (EXPRESS)

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The number of years Stephen Michael Palacios was missing. The 20-year-old Texas man read in a newspaper about a boy allegedly abducted by his father in 1993. Palacios, it turns out, was that boy. Palacios persuaded his father to turn himself on Thursday. (AP)

# World

# **Voter Fraud Fears in Afghanistan**

Observer group says legitimacy of election, attacks fuel concern

# Kabul, Afghanistan

The main Afghan election observer group said Sunday it had serious concerns about the legitimacy of this weekend's parliamentary vote because of reported fraud, even as President Hamid Karzai commended the balloting as a solid success.

The conflicting statements underscored the difficulty of determining the credibility of the vote also hit by militant attacks that hurt the turnout. Afghan officials started gathering and tallying results Sunday in a process that could take weeks if not months to complete.

The country's international backers offered praise for those who voted Saturday despite bomb and rocket attacks, and voiced hoped for a democratic result. A repeat of the pervasive fraud that tainted a presidential election a year ago would only erode further the standing of the Karzai administration — both at



Afghan election workers move ballot boxes to the Independent Election Commission warehouse in Kabul on Saturday.

home and abroad — as it struggles against a Taliban insurgency.

While the first vote counts are due to be made public in a few days, full preliminary results are not expected until early October, and then there will be weeks of fraud investigations before winners are officially announced for the 249 parliamentary seats, which were contested by about 2,500

candidates.

The election commission has said it hopes to release final results by the end of October. But there are likely to be a host of fraud complaints in each province — which could drag the process on even beyond that target date. The resolution of last year's vote took months.

On Sunday, the independent Free and Fair Elections Founda-

tion of Afghanistan said it "has serious concerns about the quality of elections," given the insecurity and numerous complaints of fraud.

At least 21 civilians and nine police officers were killed during the voting, according to the election commission and the Interior Ministry, amid dozens of bombings and rocket attacks. HEIDI VOGT (AP)

# In Brief

### **STOCKHOLM**

# Poll: Swedish Election Results Too Close to Call

Sweden's election was heading for a nailbiting finish Sunday with a TV exit poll and partial results showing a far-right party challenging the center-right government's majority in Parliament. Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt was seeking to become the first center-right leader to win re-election after serving a full term in a nation dominated for decades by the left-wing Social Democrats. (AP)

### PARI

# Plant Evacuates Workers After Niger Kidnapping

France's state-owned nuclear company Areva has almost finished evacuating employees from Niger's northern Sahara desert region following the kidnapping of seven people there. About 15 people who work for Areva or its subcontractors are still in northern Niger but are expected to depart Monday for Niamey, the capital, an Areva spokeswoman said Sunday. (AP)

## **AMSTERDAM**

# Dutch Arrest Alleged UK Terror Suspect at Airport

Dutch police on Sunday arrested a British man of Somali ancestry at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport for possible links to a terrorist group, a spokesman for the Dutch prosecutors said. The man was arrested after flying in from Liverpool, England, and before he flew out to Uganda, a prosecutors' spokesman said, without giving details. His name and age have not been released. (AP)

# **Hearsay**

# "Everyone is agreed about the great success."

— VATICAN SPOKESMAN THE REV.
FEDERICO LOMBARDI ON SUNDAY IN
RESPONSE TO POPE BENEDICT XVI'S
FOUR-DAY VISIT TO BRITAIN, ADDING THE
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ABUSE SCANDAL.

# China Breaks off Contact With Japan Over Arrests

## **Beijing**

China on Sunday broke off highlevel government contacts with Japan over the extended detention of a fishing boat captain arrested near disputed islands. The rare move pushed already tense relations to a new low and showed China's willingness to play hardball with its Asian rival on issues of territorial integrity.

It came a day after anti-Japanese protests broke out across China on the anniversary of the start of a brutal Japanese invasion of China in 1931 that has historically cast a shadow over ties between what are now the world's second- and third-

largest economies.

The spat between Tokyo and Beijing was sparked when the Chinese vessel collided with two Japanese coast guard ships on Sept. 7 near islands in the East China Sea claimed by both countries. The 14 Chinese crew were released last week, but the captain's detention for further questioning — pending a decision about whether to press charges — has inflamed anti-Japanese sentiment in China.

Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said Sunday that Japan's refusal to release the boat captain has "already caused serious damage to Sino-Japanese bilateral contacts."

GILLIAN WONG (AP)

# **Red Shirt Members Honor Their Dead**



**MEMBERS OF THE RED SHIRTS MOVEMENT,** also known as the United Front for Democracy Against Dictatorship, light candles in memory of victims of the May crackdown during a Sunday rally in Bangkok, Thailand.

# World

# Car Bombs Kill 37 in Iraq

Attacks break period of calm in Baghdad, wound more than 100

# **Baghdad**

Six car bombs detonated across Baghdad on Sunday and a suicide bomber exploded a car in nearby Fallujah, killing a total of 37 people and wounding more than 100, breaking what had been a period of relative calm since the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The violence was the worst to strike Iraq since the number of American troops in the country dropped below 50,000 and the U.S. declared a formal end to combat operations. It also underlines the challenges Iraqi security forces face trying to stabilize Baghdad as the U.S. trims its military presence, and Irag's police and military assume



Iragis inspect the scene of a car bombing Sunday in a Baghdad neighborhood.

responsibility for security.

Traffic snarled in parts of Baghdad as Iraqi police tightened checkpoints after the twin car bombings struck at 10 a.m. in the Mansour and Kathumya neighborhoods, killing 29 people and wounding 111, according to Iraqi security authorities.

Witnesses said the booby-trapped

vehicle in Mansour targeted a busy market area near an office of the Asiacell phone company and a popular restaurant. Ten people died.

The car bomb in Kathumya, which killed 19, detonated near an office of Iraq's National Security Ministry.

A third bomb, planted on a bus, killed the driver and his son. A prominent Iraqi tribal leader, Salih Ali Hamdan, was killed when his car exploded.

In Fallujah, a former stronghold of a Sunni Muslim insurgencv 40 miles west of Baghdad, four civilians and one Iraqi soldier were killed when a suicide car bomber, targeting an Iraqi army patrol, was stopped near a bakery.

Bombs that detonated in the parked vehicle of a senior Iraqi intelligence official and in a garage did not cause fatalities. (THE WASH-INGTON POST/ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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# Local

# **Rent Strike Bears Fruit**

Anacostia apartment complex due for fixes after residents cry foul

## **Washington**

The garden-style apartments, and a pair of red-brick high-rises towering over the Anacostia River, had once been a symbol of black middleclass progress east of the river.

But Lee Edwards was fed up almost as soon as he moved into Marbury Plaza in 2001. His car, parked in the garage, was burglarized. Then he noticed mold in his bedroom. The air conditioner leaked and sputtered. Work tickets to get problems fixed were lost.

When a new dishwasher flooded the same day it was installed in 2005, creating a shallow pool in his living room, he knew it was time to take action.

Residents considered a plan to buy the 672-unit complex, researching city law, talking to developers and even holding cookouts and fish fries to raise money. The effort stalled.



Eliberto Merando cleans the floors at Marbury Plaza in Anacostia on Aug. 31.

But two years ago, led by about a dozen young professionals, a group of residents started a rent strike that ended last month with an agreement by the complex's owners to pay \$5 million for repairs. For the first time in 15 years, a raft of changes is in store for the oncegrand complex.

Several residents said the recent activism at the complex was an expression of years of frustration as management companies were switched constantly. "It really just started as a way of saying: 'No more,'" said Jimmy Singleton, 43, a native Washingtonian who moved into the complex 10 years ago.

He joined the strike at the beginning and now runs the onceshuttered convenience store in a basement at the complex. "All of us respected what the older residents had done in terms of trying to organize people, but we knew drastic action was necessary." CHRIS L. JENKINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)



FIRINGS

WJLA-TV has fired veteran anchorman Doug McKelway for a verba confrontation this summer with the station's news director that came

after McKelway broadcast a sharply worded live report about congressional Democrats and Pres ident Obama. The station said in a letter to McElway last week it was terminating his contract immediately, citing insubordination and misconduct. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# Local

# Fenty's Terrible Washington Week

Mayor managed loss in primary, even with decent approval rating

## Washington

No politician — we repeat, no politician — should ever lose an election when a majority of voters look favorably on what he or she has done in office. Yet on Tuesday,

D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty accomplished that feat.

Four years ago, Fenty won the Democratic primary by nearly 30 points. Now, his political fortunes

are in reverse, after he lost his reelection bid against D.C. Council Chairman Vincent Gray in last week's primary — a loss that even Fenty's staunchest allies acknowledged was preventable.

According to a terrific report by my Post colleagues Nikita Stewart and Paul Schwartzman, Fenty's advisers met with the wunderkind mayor way back in June to lay out his political problem in simple terms: People didn't like him.

Fenty's reaction? He proclaimed himself "proud" of his record and stormed out of the room. Wrong move. The seeds of his loss were sown in that fundamental miscalculation — that people vote on the policies, not the person.

A Washington Post poll a few weeks before the primary vote highlighted Fenty's error. Nearly six in 10 registered voters said the city



Two-thirds of polled voters said Fenty did a "great deal" or "good amount."

was moving in the right direction, and nearly two-thirds said Fenty had accomplished a "great deal" or a "good amount" in his four years in office. But that same poll showed him losing to Gray by 13 points!

Fenty lost because, while people liked his policies, they disliked his persona more. In 2006, his disapproval rating among black voters in the District was 17 percent; in 2010, 56 percent of that critical voting bloc felt negatively about the mayor.

What Fenty forgot — or ignored — is that politics is about relationships. Because people felt that he didn't care about them, his policy successes simply didn't matter in the voting booth.

Adrian Fenty, for forgetting a basic rule of Politics 101, you had the Worst Week in Washington. Congrats, or something. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# The Lotteries

## Sunday, Sept. 19

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Mid-day Pick 4	4-2-6-8
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Mid-day Pick 4......7-1-2-8

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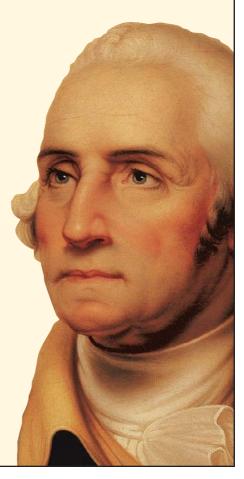
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# **Money**

# Is Groupon Too Good to Be True?

Some retailers pay the price for great deals for customers

## **Social Coupons**

The business model seems simple enough: Persuade merchants to offer steep discounts in exchange for a guaranteed stampede of customers. Thats the premise of the wildly successful social-couponing website Groupon, which in less than two years has gained 18 million subscribers and spawned a host of imitators. But some businesses that use the site are learning that the calculus is more complicated — and there can be too much of a good thing.

Posies Cafe in Portland, Ore., a homespun coffee shop that offers classes on baking buttermilk biscuits, signed up with Groupon several months ago. If Groupon could promise to deliver a certain minimum number of customers, the owner would sell them \$13 worth of products for \$6. The discount was typical of deals on the site, which are often for 50 percent off or more.



One Lounge in Dupont Circle saw its business rise because of a Groupon offering.

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The amount of money the owner of Posies has been forced to spend from her personal sayings to pay the rent and her employees due to Groupon's effect on her Portland, Ore., shop.

What Posies was not prepared for was the overwhelming response. Nearly 1,000 people bought the Groupon the one day it was advertised, according to Posies, swamping the shop for three months.

"It has been the single worst decision I have ever made as a business owner thus far," owner Jessie Burke wrote on the Posies blog this month.

The owner did not respond to a request for an interview, but her blog post has garnered even more attention than the initial coupon, prompting renewed debate over the wisdom of catering to crowds.

One of the local deals featured last week was for Dupont Circle restaurant and bar One Lounge. It opened about nine months ago and is still trying to get the word out among customers, so it signed up with Groupon competitor Liv-

# "Most merchants

# ... understand what they're signing up for."

— **ANDREW MASON**, GROUPON'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, RESPONDING TO CRITICISM FROM POSIES IN PORTLAND, ORE.

ing Social earlier this year.

The promotion boosted business by about 5 percent to 8 percent for roughly three months, part-owner Niko Papademetriou said. It was enough to prompt One Lounge to offer a similar deal through Groupon, but he cautioned that the service was not a silver bullet.

"It's not a savior at all," he said.
"It costs you money to do this."
YLAN Q. MUI (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# DISCUSSIONS

# **Banking Rules**

The new rules released last week by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision aims to fortify banks worldwide and prevent them from spiraling into the kind of global financial crisis that brought the world to its knees in 2008. Banks will have about eight years to comply fully with the rules, but the proposed changes could have immediate effects on the U.S. economy.

## What's the main change this year?

The most dramatic change proposed was a more-than threefold increase, from 2 percent to 7 percent, in the "core capital ratio," or the amount of money banks need to set aside to help absorb losses on loans. The fear is that if banks have less capital than their losses, they cannot meet payments on their own debt, and they usually fail.

## Who stands to lose?

Smaller community banks or credit unions that are already struggling with high loan losses and foreclosures. Many of them have found it hard to raise capital, and they will struggle with the new requirements. (AP)



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# **Cover Story**

# The 'Old Age' Debate

Health officials renew the argument about whether aging is a cause of death

## **Science**

You know the cartoon where Bugs Bunny is driving an old car that suddenly falls apart, every bolt sprung, with the last hubcap rattling in a circle until it comes to rest? Some people die like that, too. The trouble is there's not a good name for it.

Is there a single problem that gets the final chain of events going? Or should "old age" under some circumstances be considered an actual cause of death — equal to lung cancer, leukemia and diabetes?

Those questions are becoming increasingly important as more and more people die at very advanced ages without an obvious cause that can be confidently entered on the death certificate.

The difficulty of naming a cause of death in the very old is becoming enough of a problem in the industrialized world that the World Health Organization is likely to address it head-on in the next year.

"If we can't find a way of dealing with this, then I think mortality statistics will lose much of their value," said Lars Age Johansson, who chairs the WHO's Mortality Reference Group and is a biostatistician with Sweden's National Board of Health and Welfare. "I see this as very, very important."

Part of the reason it's important is that mortality statistics are the backbone of public health.

Without knowing how the members of a population die, and at what ages, epidemiologists can only guess how many deaths are potentially preventable. On the other hand, good mortality data can identify overlooked problems and help public health agencies decide where to

# "IT'S KIND OF A TRICKY ISSUE."

according to Robert N. Anderson, chief of mortality statistics at the National Center for Health Statistics. "If someone is over 100, I wouldn't quibble with old age as a cause of death. **But I certainly** wouldn't like to see 'old age' as a cause of death in someone who is 75. Even 85 would be pushing it."

Between 1999 and 2006, "senility" (or one of old age's subcategories) appeared on death certificates

# 100 times

more in Florida than in California

InVA. it was used at a rate below the national average. It was essentially never used in

**MD., D.C.** 



Terms such as **senescence** 

# debility old age

are already included in the International Classification of Diseases catalog, but in many states the terms aren't accepted. The vital statistics office returns these death notices to the doctor for a more precise cause.

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people, out of 100,000 born in 1901, should live to be 100.

of the **57 million deaths** that
will occur this
year around the
world will be
assigned a cause
and reported to
a government
bureau of vital
statistics, which
happens in
only 64 of 115
WHO-reporting
countries.

direct effort and money.

The issue is especially topical because experts from around the world next year will start updating the International Classification of Diseases, medicine's official list of more than 14,000 diagnoses.

Some places began recording all deaths and their causes in the early 1800s. The original ICD, called the International List of Causes of Death, was adopted in 1893. It had 161 headings (with more specific causes falling under some of them). Paradoxically, it was probably easier for a physician to choose a cause of death then than it is now when far more is known about the complicated physiology of dying.

Today, doctors are expected to list both "immediate" and "underlying" causes of death and how long those diseases had been present.

They are also asked to list "significant conditions contribut-

ing to death" but not caus-

ing it directly. But picking the "underlying cause" — which is the most important one — when a patient has several chronic illnesses — such as hypertension, dementia and coronary heart disease — is often difficult. Many physicians find the task even harder when a very old person declines over a few weeks or months and then

However, giving "old age" greater credibility could make mortality data in much of the world even muddier than it already is. It might also provide a reason for overlooking the health problems of very old people, some experts believe.

dies. The "underlying cause" is hard

to find even with an autopsy.

Still, few doubt old age is sometimes a cause. "We as human organisms sometimes just run out of energy and shutdown," said Cheryl Phillips, a San Francisco doctor and chairman of the American Geriatrics Society. DAVID BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# **Sports**

# Redskins Fall Flat Late vs. Texans

McNabb's big game all for naught as team blows a 17-point lead



Matt Schaub threw for 497 yards. Donovan McNabb threw for 426.

Needless to say, the last team to have the ball won the game.

Neil Rackers kicked a 35-yard field goal with 3:24 left in overtime, and Matt Schaub's 497 set a franchise record Sunday as the Houston Texans improved to 2-0 with a 30-27 win over the Washington Redskins.

Schaub moved the Texans 41 yards in seven plays on the winning drive, with Joel Dreessen making a leaping, turnaround grab of a 28-yard pass to move the ball to the Washington 18 to set up the kick.

Schaub completed 38 of 52 passes with three touchdowns and one interception for the Texans, who overcame a 27-10 deficit late in the third quarter to give the team wins in its first two games of the season for only the second time in team history. Andre Johnson had 158 yards receiving and tied a career high with 12 catches, including a touchdown. Kevin Walter caught 11 passes for 144 yards with one score.

Arian Foster, who rushed for 231 yards in the Texans' win over Indianapolis, had 69 yards on 19 carries and caught three passes for 69 yards.

Both quarterbacks threw for more than 400 yards, the first time that's



The Houston Texans celebrate after Neil Rackers made the game-winning field goal in overtime against the Washington Redskins, who fell to 1-1 under coach Mike Shanahan.

# Report Card

BEST CALL: Early in the second quarter, the Redskins ran a double-reverse fake that ended with a bomb from Donovan McNabb to Joey Galloway that set up a TD. WORST CALL: In the fourth quarter, a similar play actually handed the ball to Santana Moss, who was blown up for a loss of eight yards in the backfield, killing momentum. **BEST ADJUSTMENT:** Fullback Mike Sellers is officially back as part of the Redskins' offense, something that's been missing in recent years.



Losing a tight game isn't a big problem, but giving up 20 unanswered points is.



Safety LaRon Landry sits dejectedly on the field after Washington's loss Sunday.

happened in an NFL game since 1994. McNabb completed 28 of 38 passes for 426 yards with one touchdown for the Redskins, who are 1-1 under coach Mike Shanahan.

The Texans won the coin toss to get the ball at the start of overtime and moved to the Washington 34. But coach Gary Kubiak opted to punt rather than try a 52-yard field goal. The punt went for a touchback, giving Washington the ball at its own 20.

The Redskins then drove to the Houston 34 — the same yard line as the Texans - and Shanahan opted to try the field goal. Graham Gano made the first attempt, but it didn't count, because Kubiak called timeout just before the snap. Gano's second try was wide right, putting the ball back in Schaub's hands for the winning drive. (AP)



RUSHING

Sunday's Stars **Donovan McNabb** reminded Redskins nation why he's one of the

best passers in the NFL



**Matt Schaub** passed for nearly 500 yards and made the big throws when the



# **Sports**

# **Cutler, Bears Keep Cowboys Winless**









## **Pro Football**

Jay Cutler can't lose. Tony Romo can't win. What a surprise for both the Chicago Bears and Dallas Cowboys.

Cutler threw three touchdown passes and Romo wasn't able to respond, lifting the Chicago Bears to a 27-20 victory Sunday in Arlington, Texas. The Bears came away 2-0 for the first time since their Super Bowl season in 2006.

Dallas fell to 0-2 for the first time since 2001, when Quincy Carter took over for the retired Troy Aikman at quarterback. Cowboys



Jay Cutler had an outstanding day against the Cowboys with 277 yards and three TDs.

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loyalists will remember the 1993 season starting 0-2 and ending with a Super Bowl championship, but that club got Emmitt Smith back from a contract holdout to start its rally. This club can only look forward to tumult, as owner Jerry Jones isn't likely to tolerate such a sloppy start to a season he expected to end in the Super Bowl at Cowboys Stadium.

Cutler was 21 of 29 for 277 yards, with no interceptions. He ended up getting sacked only once, despite losing left tackle Chris Williams to a hamstring injury in the first quarter.

Romo was 34 of 51 for 374 vards and a touchdown. He had two interceptions, both bouncing off usually sure-handed receivers. He also had more off-target throws than usual.

Dallas also got a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown from rookie Dez Bryant. Miles Austin caught 10 passes for 142 yards. Williams had four catches for 53 yards. (AP)

# **Dantonio Has Heart Attack**

## **College Football**

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio was hospitalized Sunday after suffering a mild heart attack shortly after an overtime victory against Notre Dame.

The 54-year-old Dantonio was taken to Sparrow Hospital in East Lansing, Mich., hours after the game and had surgery to put a stent in a blocked blood vessel leading to the heart, which allowed blood flow to be restored. The coach is expected to remain in the hospital for at least a few more days. "Damage to the heart muscle was minimal. I think he's going to do very well," said Dr. Chris D'Haem. (AP)

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# **Sports**

# **Sunday Recap**

# **Top Dogs**



## Jason Snelling, RB, Falcons

Filling in for the injured Michael Turner and Jerious Norwood, the third-string running back rushed for 129 yards and scored three touchdowns (one came on a 19-yard yard pass from Matt Ryan) in Atlanta's 41-7 rout of the Arizona Cardinals.



# Michael Vick, QB, Eagles

In his first start under center since 2006, Vick was 21 of 34—connecting with nine teammates—and threw 284 yards with two TDs in a 35-32 win over the Lions. He also gained 37 yards on the ground.

## **Dolphins Stun Vikings**



Dolphins cornerback Vontae Davis intercepts a pass in Sunday's 14-10 win against the Vikings. Brett Favre threw three interceptions as Minnesota fell to 0-2.

# Scoreboard

Packers 34, Bills 7

Dolphins 14, Vikings 10

Falcons 41, Cardinals 7

Bucs 20, Panthers 7

Bengals 15, Ravens 10

Bears 27, Cowboys 20

Steelers 19, Titans 11

Chiefs 16, Browns 14 Raiders 16, Rams 14

Broncos 31, Seahawks 14

Jets 28, Patriots 14

Chargers 38, Jaguars 13

Eagles 35, Lions 32

Texans 30, Redskins 27 (OT)

# **Injuries**

**Darrelle Revis, CB, Jets:** The offseason holdout pulled his hamstring on a great touchdown catch by Randy Moss.

 Dennis Dixon, QB, Steelers: Ben Roethlisberger's backup hurt his left knee, and Charlie Batch took over.

**Jason Witten, TE, Cowboys:** Tony Romo's tight end left in the fourth quarter after slamming his head into turf.

**Albert Haynesworth, DL, Redskins:** The disgruntled nose tackle was on the inactive list with a sprained ankle.

## The Numbers

7

The number turnovers forced by the Pittsburgh Steelers in their 19-11 win against the Tennessee Titans, who benched QB Vince Young Sunday.

# **2005**

The last time that the Kansas City Chiefs were 2-0 until their stunning start to this year. The Chiefs edged the Browns 16-14, six days after upsetting San Diego Monday.

99

The number of yards
Jason Campbell threw
in the first half of Sunday's game before being
benched in his second
start with the Oakland
Raiders.

# **Sports**

# **Nats Let One Slip Away in Philly**

Storen blows second save as Werth blasts a walk-off home run

## The Nationals

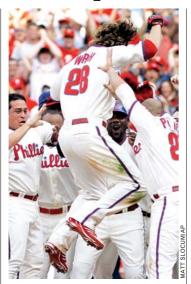
Jayson Werth hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning after Ryan Howard had a two-run single to





lift the Philadelphia Phillies to their seventh-straight win, 7-6 over the Washington Nationals, on Sunday.

Werth's homer off Drew Storen helped the Phillies maintain their three-game lead in the NL East over the



Jason Werth celebrates his ninth-inning homer off the Nats' Drew Storen Sunday.

Atlanta Braves. The teams begin a three-game series in Philadelphia on Monday night with Cole Hamels facing Jair Jurrjens in the opener.

Storen, who has blown two of six save opportunities, entered the ninth with a three-run lead. He gave up a leadoff single to Placido Polanco and a double to Chase Utley. Howard followed with his hit to make it 6-5.

Werth, who had three hits, three RBI and two runs scored, hit a full-count fastball over the 409-foot sign in center field for the second game-winning homer of his career. It is the fifth walkoff home run for the Phillies this year. (AP)

## **MLB** SCOREBOARD

Braves 6, Mets 3

Cubs 13, Marlins 3

Red Sox 6, Blue Jays 0

Pirates 4, D'Backs 3

Astros 4, Reds 3

Cardinals 4, Padres 1

Royals 6, Indians 4

Angels 6, Rays 3

Orioles 4, Yankees 3 (11)

A's 6, Twins 2

# Bowyer Wins Chase Opener

## **Auto Racing**

Clint Bowyer stormed out of the gate in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship by snapping an 88-race drought and winning at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday.

It was just the third career victory for Bowyer at NASCAR's top level. (AP)

# TV Lineup

# NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN2)

The Nats start their last home stand of the year against the Astros.

## FOOTBALL (8:30 P.M., ESPN)

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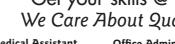
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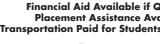
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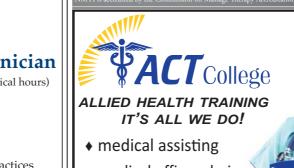


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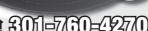
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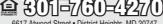
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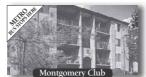
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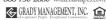


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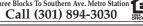
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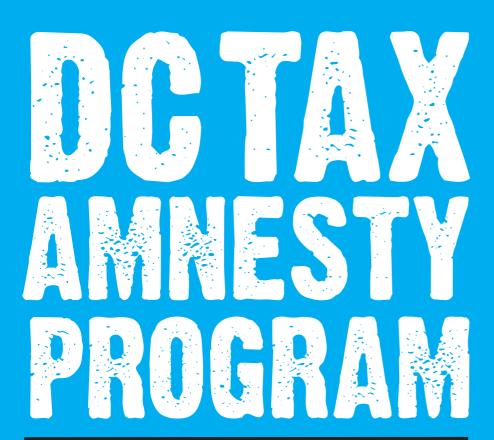
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# **Back in Action**

Lindsay Lohan says she failed her most recent drug test 35

# Booze Clues

# If We Be WASPish

Like everyone else, we make fun of popped collars and pearls. But even we can get behind yachting. Especially wishful-thinking yachting, which is one of the reasons we're into Drift Mondays at the Donovan House (1155



14th St. NW). It's a yacht-themed Mondaynight party that runs through the end of September. The other reasons we're into the event are as follows.

(1) Have you ever been to the roof of the

Donovan House? The only thing better than the pool is the incredible view.

(2) While the combination of dancing — the music is by DJ Doc Rok drinking and rooftops always worries us slightly, we recommend that you dare to disturb the universe. We're also in favor of eating peaches.

(3) We've never in our lives said no to discounted beer and champagne, and we don't plan to start now.

Also, the Donovan House promises sailboats. We suspect these will be tiny sailboats. There's no cover, and if you RSVP on Facebook, you'll get priority admission.

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# Return to the Islands

CBS' 'Hawaii Five-0' remake adds edge and a hot new cast to the cop classic

## **TV Review**

Is there some sort of word **10:00** (German, probably) that defines that mixture of

dread and curiosity at the news that producers are exhuming another of the beloved old TV shows for a tricked-out remake? Smurfensruden, perhaps? Bewitchenfreude?

I ask because of the nice-'n'easy surprise that turned out to be "Hawaii Five-0," CBS' snazzy reimagining of the old cop drama (premiering Monday), in spite of so much scoff and scorn that greeted the idea. "Hawaii Five-0" is a big

Alex O'Loughlin's screen presence seems so cardboard. I think he should have 'This Side Up' tattooed on his abs.

bag of dumb fun, with a story told as tautly and smoothly as the surface of a Polynesian drum.

The new "H50" conducts itself in a deadly serious manner, as if it were subcontracted by the Pentagon. Steve McGarrett is now played by 34-year-old Australian actor Alex O'Loughlin, whose screen presence seems so cardboard, I think he should have "This Side Up" tattooed on his abs.

But here, a stiff McGarrett is the way to go. As in the original, McGarrett is a Navy SEAL intelligence officer of some sort, but this



Daniel Dae Kim and Grace Park join Scott Caan, far left, and Alex O'Loughlin, second from right, on the reincarnated "Hawaii Five-O."

# Déjà Vu?

"Hawaii Five-0" is not the only familiar series on the tube this fall. Other remakes abound:

■ "Let's Make a Deal" Wayne Brady hosts this updated version of the classic costume-happy game show, entering its second season on Monday

(10 a.m. on CBS).

■ "90210" Now in its third season, the creators of the rebooted drama (8 p.m. Mon. on CW) promised **Entertainment Weekly** 

that a quake this year will "shake everything up both metaphorically and literally."

■ "Law & Order: Los Angeles" Not quite a remake, but close enough. NBC's new drama (10 p.m. Wed.) boasts actors Skeet Ulrich, Terrence Howard and Alfred Molina.

> "Nikita" The CW offers a new take on the 1990 Luc Besson film "La Femme Nikita" (which inspired two remakes in the '90s), with Maggie Q as the titular heroine (9 p.m. Thu.).

"The Office" The U.S. adaptation of the Brit hit is in for a change, as Dunder Mifflin must say goodbye to Michael Scott this season (9 p.m. Thu on NBC). (EXPRESS) time he's out huntin' terrorists as head of a secret anti-terrorism/ anti-crime unit with broad powers of immunity, created by the governor of Hawaii to rid her islands of vermin.

It gets better the minute McGarrett meets Danny Williams, played by the sardonic fireplug Scott Caan. Danny is "Hawaii Five-0's" newfangled Danno, a divorced Jersey cop who moved to Honolulu when his ex-wife "dragged my daughter to this pineapple-infested hellhole."

After a detour to bust up a human-trafficking ring, Danno and McGarrett nab their terrorist (was there any doubt?), and the governor gets her secret police force and, most of all, CBS gets another formulaic winner. HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The subtitle of Rebecca
Traister's new book, "BIG
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THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING FOR
AMERICAN WOMEN," makes us sad.
What changed? Everyone still makes
sexist comments about female politicians and about how emotional or frigid they are; people are still judged by
gender instead of merit; and we still
don't have a female president. Let's
hope Traister can explain tonight.

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com. (Van Ness)

Why A Goat?
Artist Ellen Cornett's work evokes childhood — if your childhood was spent contemplating barnyard animals. Her new show in the Atlas District, "NIGHT GOAT AND OTHER FLIGHTS OF FANCY," consists of pen-and-ink and pastel drawings reminiscent of children's book illustrations but with a very high incidence of goats, chickens and other farm staples. City Gallery, 804 H St. NE; through Sept. 25, free; 202-

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# entertainment lookout

The One to Beat?

Brandy hopes hours of practice pay off in her 'Dancing' debut

## **Television**

ABC

It's the night of the "Dancing With the Stars" premiere, 20

minutes until Brandy and partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy dance live in front of millions, and the singer-actress can't find her costume.

Scrambling, she locates the dress, but now one of her shoes is missing. She decides to perform barefoot, misses her cue and can't catch up for the duration of the dance.

Then she wakes up.

With the 11th season of "DWTS" about to begin, Brandy's nerves are fraying, and it's coming out in her dreams. "I have a hard time trusting the process and trusting the moment," she says. "It's always coming from a place of wanting to do great."

The 31-year-old star is set to make her dancing debut Monday alongside fellow celebrity contestants: actors David Hasselhoff, Jennifer Grey, Florence Henderson and Kyle Massey;

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**DVD Reviews** 

athletes Rick Fox and Kurt Warner; reality performers Audrina Patridge and Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino; singer Michael Bolton; and political daughter Bristol Palin.

Brandy's appearance on the hit show represents a reunion with ABC, where she had her only other televised ballroomdance experience in the net-

"I have a hard time trusting the process and trusting the

work's 1997 "Cinderella." Brandy played the title character, and one of her scenes included a whirl around the ballroom. But that was 15 years ago. "This is brand-new to me," she says.

But it's not the only new thing she has going. The reality show "Brandy & Ray J: A Family Business" is set to return to VH1 in December. And Brandy is headed back to the studio to work on a follow-up to 2008's "Human."

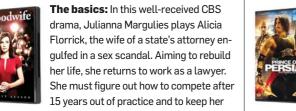
"I love doing both [music and TV]. I was born for this," she says. **SANDY COHEN (AP)** 



Brandy and Maksim Chmerkovskiv are ready to crush their competition.

# "THE PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME"

# Also Starring Jake's Abs



family under control, all while re-examining her marriage. The series is a twist on the typical legal drama, and the character of Alicia reveals insight into the red-eyed wife standing beside her disgraced husband. The extras: The standout is a look at how real-life political scandals influenced the creation of the show.

The basics: Jake Gyllenhaal plays Dastan, a street-rat-turned-prince adopted by the king of Persia. After an attack on a holy city, Dastan emerges as the hero. He possesses a mythical dagger capable of turning back time, which he uses to discover who framed him for his father's

death. This film mixes romance, brotherhood, sword fighting and knife-throwing in a way that will leave most viewers satisfied. The extras: The DVD takes a new approach to special features, adding a pop-up icon during the movie that, when selected, shows a quick extra relevant to that SCENE. KRISTEN BOGHOSIAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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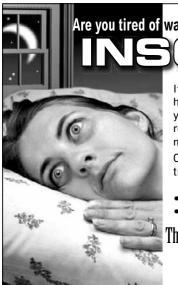
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# **A State of Deception**

A con man navigates a double existence in Fox's new 'Lone Star'

## Premiere

The best series borrow FOX from the best. "Lone Star" is shot like "Friday Night Lights" and evokes the sense of personal alienation and loss so central to the movie "Up in the Air" and the drama "Mad Men."

James Wolk stars as a con man and the son of a con man who lives two entirely separate lives in different ends of Texas and treats his wife and lover and their family and friends as marks, all lined up and duped in pursuit of a huge score.

In Houston, he's Bob, an ambitious salesman married to Cat (Adrianne Palicki of "Friday Night Lights"), the beautiful daughter of an oil company tycoon, Clint (Jon Voight). Hundreds of miles to the west, in Midland, Texas, he's Robert, where he lives with Lindsay



Jon Voight and James Wolk dramatically pedi-conference in "Lone Star."

(Eloise Mumford). Her family and neighbors have no idea that they have been investing in oil and gas fields Robert doesn't own.

David Keith stars as his coldblooded father, John Allen, who gets increasingly testy as he sees his son develop feelings for his victims. He gets some of the script's best lines, like: "You're building a house of cards, son. You don't get to live in it." Voight's Clint makes it perfectly clear that he's willing to bury anybody who crosses him. So Bob/Robert isn't just torn between two women; he's up against two father figures, and it's not yet clear who is more lethal.

There could be less emo/montage music, and viewers may not warm to a sociopath, but in a season of cops, lawyers and copycats, "Lone Star" stands out. kevin mcdonough (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

# **Best Bets**

8:00

How I Met Your Mother While arguing with Barney (Neil Patrick Harris, right) over which of them has the prior claim on a hot girl, Ted realizes the girl is with Cindy, an old flame who is also the roommate of Ted's future wife. Season premiere.



Chuck Chuck begins a covert search for his mom. Casey and Sarah's pursuit of a foreign operative (quest star Dolph Lundgren) takes them to Russia, and Ellie has some big news for her family in the season premiere "Chuck Versus the Anniversary."



House As season seven opens, House and Cuddy (Hugh Laurie, left, and Lisa Edelstein) explore the ramifications of their kiss and take tentative steps toward making a deeper personal relationship work. At the hospital, a colleague's illness threatens Princeton Plainsboro's accreditation in the season premiere "Now What?"



Castle Beckett, Ryan and Esposito have seen virtually nothing of Castle since he left to finish the second Nikki Heat novel. They run into him at a murder scene and the season begins! (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



# More to Love

In "Mike & Molly (9:31 p.m. on CBS), a Chicago cop (Billy Gardell) and fourth-grade teacher (Melissa McCarthy) find love at an Overeaters Anonymous meeting. This otherwise standard sitcom wins points for eschewing the usual fat-guywith-a-hot-girl comedy formula. The jokes are uneven, but the relationship between Mike and Molly is sweet. (TM)



# weddings lookout

# **Bobby Doane, Heather Hutson**

Bobby, 25, works for Whole Foods. Heather, 32, is job-searching. They live in Alexandria.

THE MAIN EVENT: They'll wed Oct. 9 in Alexandria. He's Japanese-American, and origami cranes are a traditional Japanese wedding gift, so "there will be cranes up to the wazoo," she says. HOW THEY MET: At a Little People of America convention. "I noticed his belt. He had made it out of a seat belt."

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** "I thought she was a cougar," Bobby says.

**FIRST DATE:** After two years, they realized they were developing feelings for each other, so he flew from Seattle to see her in D.C.

**FIRST KISS:** At the baggage claim area at Dulles. "She was holding a poster with my name on it. It made me feel like a celebrity."

HOW HE PROPOSED: His first plan was foiled when she used his computer and saw "New York proposal" in his browser's search field. So, he surprised her one night at PX in Alexandria.

PET NAMES: An elderly neighbor once asked

Bobby about "his sweetheart," so they call each other that "in our best old lady voices," Heather says.



"SHE WAS HOLDING A POSTER WITH MY NAME ON IT. IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE A CELEBRITY." - BOBBY DOANE

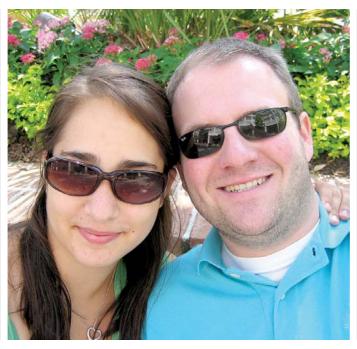
# David Stevens, Lyndsi Thomas

David, 27, is a recent law school graduate. Lyndsi, 23, is an account manager at a communications firm. They live in Arlington.

THE MAIN EVENT: They're getting married in Destin, Fla., in a hotel overlooking the water, on Oct. 1. Lyndsi will choreograph their first dance. "I've been a dancer nearly all of my life, and this is how I can really put my touch on our wedding," she says.

**HOW THEY MET:** In college at Florida State University. David was a grad student and she was a junior.

**FIRST DATE:** They went to an FSU football game and then got dinner at Cracker Barrel.



HOW HE PROPOSED: On Christmas Day 2009, "David picked me up and we went to a park on the water and sat down in the gazebo—the same place where we first said, 'I love you.'"

MOST-HATED CLOTHING ITEM: His pink tie. It's already gone missing, and "David claims I stole it from him," Lyndsi says.

**STUPIDEST FIGHT:** Whether Herbal Essences shampoo bottles used to have scratch-and-sniff stickers. "Every time we pass by the shampoo aisle, he continues to insist that he will one day prove to me that he is correct about this." "I'm still right about that," he says.

PET NAMES: She calls him "'My
Marshmallow,' because I love marshmallows, and he is soft like one!"
MMM, CAKE: The groom's cake is
shaped like the FSU football stadium.



# Jarrod Backous, Alicia Johnson

Jarrod, 30, is a campaign consultant. Alicia, 29, is a consultant. They live in D.C.

**THE MAIN EVENT:** A full Catholic Mass and ceremony Oct. 2 in Alicia's hometown of Detroit.

**HOW THEY MET:** Through friends, though they didn't begin dating until five years later.

FIRST DATE: It didn't start as a date: Alicia needed a new car and asked Jarrod to come as a "token male companion." But she says when she saw how good he was in a stressful situation, "I ended up leaving the dealership with a new car and a new crush."

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** While on a trip to Newport, R.I., he suggested they just "peek into" a B&B's dining room. Surprise — the room was filled with flowers, champagne and strawberries, and had a fire roaring. She opened presents he'd set out, then turned to find him on bended knee.

**MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM:** He's not crazy about her "cheery polkadot rain boots."

**STUPIDEST FIGHT:** He gave her the silent treatment for sneaking curry, which he hates, into dinner. Alicia got upset when Jarrod tossed out all their CD jewel cases.

**WITH INFINITE FUNDS:** They'd hire a 10-piece mariachi band.

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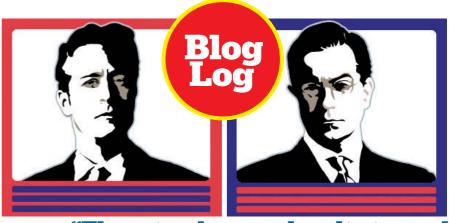


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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Avoid negativity. Ask that others share only those opinions that provide positive growth and give you room to explore freely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't let your thoughts and feelings conflict; focus on doing those things that keep heart and head in balance.

## **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You'll be required to come through in less time than you had expected — and as a result you'll win something of a promotion at work.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have a secret that you're not ready or willing to share — and doing so before the time is right could be selfdestructive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This day may require a bit of bravery as you face a situation that pushes some buttons and raises certain hidden fears.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can overcome a great deal of adversity simply by letting your sense of humor work its usual magic. Others will be won over.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Messages that come to you in any way disguised or unclear are not for you; nor are rumors. If it's not from the horse's mouth, ignore it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Taking a more aggressive stance may not seem like the right thing to do at first, but when you're in the thick of things, it's the only way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You mustn't blame anyone else for your mistakes. Face what is of your own making and you should be able to fix it in little time.

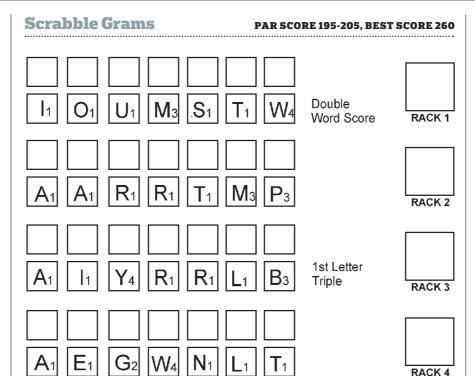
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Others may not be willing to accept what you have to offer at first. Later in the day, some will see your wisdom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There is no reason to put off until tomorrow what is best done today, though you may have to face certain fears to get started.

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Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

# Sudoku

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				2				
	5		4		7		1	

## Friday's Solution

3	2	9	1	8	4	7	5	6
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9	1	7	8	4	6	5	2	3
5	8	6	7	3	2	1	9	4
2	3	4	5	9	1	6	7	8
6	7	2	4	5	8	3	1	9
1	5	3	2	6	9	4	8	7
4	9	8	3	1	7	2	6	5

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## Comics

Friday's Solution

M<sub>3</sub> O<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub> S<sub>1</sub> O<sub>1</sub> O<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub>

V<sub>4</sub> A<sub>1</sub> G<sub>2</sub> U<sub>1</sub> E<sub>1</sub> S<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub>

A<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> T<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> I<sub>1</sub> N<sub>1</sub>

C<sub>3</sub> A<sub>1</sub> L<sub>1</sub> C<sub>3</sub> I<sub>1</sub> U<sub>1</sub> M<sub>3</sub>

RACK 1 = 59

RACK 3 = 6

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88 | 68 | 85 | 68 | 84 | 67

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**Drive you.** "Cars" can put you in the right wheels.

Wednesdays.



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23 24

Crossword **DANCE FEVER** 

> 28 29

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53 52

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54 55

## **ACROSS**

1 "Human" or "Mother' follower

- 7 Home for la familia
- 11 Huge wine container
- 14 Address giver
- 15 Assayer's samples
- 16 "Apple cider" gal 17 Academic interlude
- 19 "Gunga
- 20 Garfield's favorite food 21 "... the \_\_\_\_ shall inherit the Earth"
- 22 Fisherman's basket
- 25 Quick to sue
- 27 Barnyard brooder
- 28 \_\_\_ segno (musical direction)
- 30 Was in a derby
- 31 Australian birds
- 33 Dictionary unit
- 36 Chaka Khan's group
- 40 Raging enthusiasm
- 43 Back in the Navy?
- 44 Buster of pushers
- 45 Plastic surgery
- procedure 46 Took care of hunger
- 48 Routing word
- 50 \_\_\_ time (course slot)
- 51 "Jeopardy!" category
- 56 They have regrets
- 58 Acting too hastily
- 59 Auto body support
- 61 "Rosemary's Baby"
- author Levin 62 It might hold up your
- pants 66 "La\_ \_" (Debussy opus)
- 67 Go into seclusion
- 68 African corn
- 69 There are none in
- Consumer Reports
- 70 "Beware the \_\_\_ of March!'
- 71 Feels healthy

# DOWN

- 2 Dadaism founder Jean

- 5 First name in clowns
- 1 Turndown words
- 3 Roofing material
- 4 Advantageous

- 35 Whirling one 6 Ten million of them
- equal a ioule
- 7 Welsh working dog
- 8 Ain't, properly
- 9 Beach resort attraction
- 10 "Funny you should
- 11 Audio's counterpart
- 12 Word of parting
- 13 Oxygen source
- 18 Party popper
- 21 Slow, stately dance in trinle meter
- 22 Food Network stars 23 "Please \_\_\_\_" (invoice
- request)
- 24 Accustom to hardship 26 Apparel
- 29 Beard on grain
- 32 Angel with six wings
- 34 Messenger with a code

- 37 Mozart's "The Magic

- 38 Worrier's stomach woe. it's said
- 39 Comedian Wanda 41 "... \_\_\_ the wild blue
- yonder"
- 42 \_\_\_-fi flick
- 47 Greek math whiz
- 49 Comes un in conversation
- 51 ballerina
- 52 Made waves?
- 53 Winter Palace figures
- \_\_ Island Red (chicken
- breed)
- 55 Figures in a hotel
- 57 The Supreme Court interprets it
- 60 Turnpike behemoth

- 62 Acupuncturist's vital life force
- 63 Suffix with "miss" or "mob"

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- 64 Zero, to soccer fans
- 65 Swimmer with a charge

# Friday's Solution

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# <mark>Today</mark> in History

**1962** Black student James Meredith is blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett.

In their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in straight sets.

Independent Counsel Robert Ray announces the end of the Whitewater investigation.

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# people lookout

# VIOLENCE

Airport Arrest Surcharge Fee, Taxes, Added \$10,000

Russell Brand was arrested after an altercation with a photographer. The 35-year-old was taken into custody Friday at Los Angeles International Airport for a misdemeanor charge of simple battery. Brand was booked and ini-

> tially held on \$20,000 bail. He was released later Friday on his own recognizance. The victim, a paparazzo, placed Brand under citizen's arrest. (AP)



# No, Makeovers Are Not **A Community Service**

Paris Hilton has agreed to plead quilty to two misdemeanors stemming from her cocaine arrest last month in Las Vegas, a Nevada prosecutor said Friday. Under the terms of a plea deal, the celebrity heiress will serve a year of probation and avoid a felony conviction. She must complete a drug abuse program, pay a \$2,000 fine and serve 200 hours of community service. (AP)



Also not community service: tiarawearing tips, Chihuahua care classes.



**EFFORT** 

# 'I Got Beat Up by Kid Rock And His Posse, and All I Got Was This Lousy \$40,000'

A Decatur, Ga., jury awarded \$40,000 Friday to a man who says Kid Rock and his entourage beat him during a 2007 fight at a Waffle House restaurant. Harlen Akins sued Kid Rock and five members of his entourage over the fight. The jury saw a lot of provocation from both sides and couldn't attribute blame completely to either, the foreman said. (AP)



The celebrity overlord declared that everyone wear sunglasses today.

# **Two Steps Back**

Lindsay Lohan confirmed via Twitter that she failed a court-ordered drug and alcohol screening, and said that if asked, she is ready to face the consequences for her actions. "Regrettably, I did in fact fail my most recent drug test," she tweeted Friday. "Substance abuse is a disease, which unfortunately doesn't go away over night. I am working hard to overcome it." The test result could mean a probation violation and more jail time. (AP)

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# **Quaid Infestation Plagues California**

Randy and Evi Quaid were arrested in Santa Barbara, Calif., after the owner of the couple's old house reported they had been living there without permission. A representative of the property owner reported to police on Saturday that squatters had been staying in the guest house illegally. When deputies arrived, they found the Quaids, who said they had owned the property since the 1990s. (AP)

# "My secret fantasy, sadly, is to be on **Dancing With the**



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